

## Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 27, 2023

Righteous Father Pimen the Great of Egypt; Hosius the Confessor, Bishop of Cordova; Newly-revealed Martyr Phanourios of Rhodes

### Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 3)

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Basil Kazan  
(1915 - 2001)

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Let the heav - ens re - joice and the earth be glad,  
for the Lord hath done a might - y act with his own arm.  
He hath tram - pled down death by death and be - come the First -  
born from the dead. He hath de - liv - ered us from the  
depths of ha - des, grant - ing the world the great mer - cy.

### Troparion for St. Raphael of Brooklyn (Tone 3)

Rejoice, O Father Raphael, Adornment of the holy Church! Thou art Champion of the True Faith, Seeker of the lost, Consolation of the Oppressed, Father to orphans and Friend of the poor, Peacemaker and good Shepherd, Joy of all the Orthodox, Son of Antioch, Boast of America. Intercede with Christ God for us and for all who honor thee.

### Kontakion for the Nativity of the Theotokos (Tone 4)

By thy holy nativity, O pure one, Joachim and Anna were delivered from the reproach of barrenness; and Adam and Eve were delivered from the corruption of death; thy people do celebrate it, having been saved from the

stain of iniquity, crying unto thee: The barren doth give birth to the Theotokos, who nourisheth our life.

### The Prokeimenon

Sing praises to our God, sing praises.  
Clap your hands, all ye nations.

### Epistle

**1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

Brethren, I would remind you in what terms I preached to you the Gospel, which you received, in which you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold it fast—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He rose on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. Then He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then He appeared to James, then to all the Apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. For I am the least of the Apostles, unfit to be called an Apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God, which is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

### Holy Gospel

**Matthew 19:16-26**

At that time, a young man came up to Jesus, kneeling and saying, “Good Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?” And He said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.” He said to Him, “Which?” And Jesus said, “You shall not kill, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness, honor your father and mother, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” The young man said to Him, “All these I have observed; what do I still lack?” Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” When the young man heard this, he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

**Holy Bread:** Kh Meleah Palke

**Commemorations(Living):** Fr Michael, Pr Vicki, Katherine, John, Corgie, Karen, Maher, Fabiola, Christopher, Steven, Jonathan, Jaime, Justin, George, Joan, Fr Tom, Kh Meleah, Stephen, Sagi, Sky, Carol, Natalia, Alexander, Anthony, Jim, Laura, Michael, Joel, Lisa, Danny, Asa, Cody, Max, Levi, Courtney, Nina, Kenneth, Alex, Christina, Beth, John, Dominick, Yina, Michael, Debra, Lauren, Rashid, Hala, Irina, Fr. Vladimir Paul, all Orthodox missionaries, the suffering believers everywhere.

**Departed:**

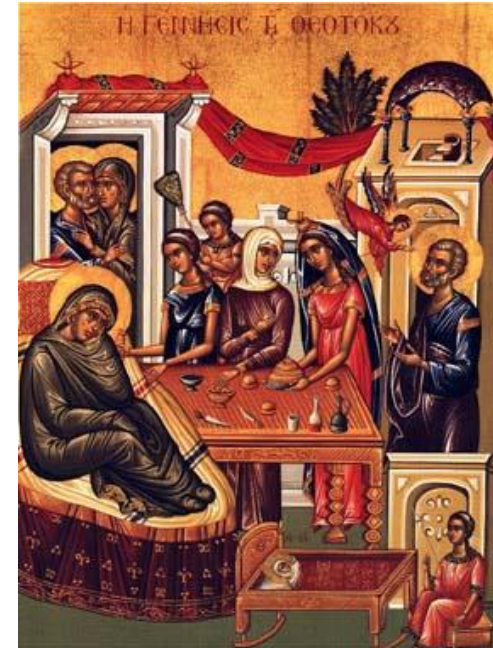
**On Thursday, September 7, at 8:00 PM,** we will have online Vespers for the Nativity of the Theotokos. We will have a Vespers Divine Liturgy for the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on Wednesday, September 13, at 7:15 PM.

On August 27 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate our righteous father Pimen the Great of Egypt. Pimen was born in Egypt and a great ascetic there in the fifth century. As a boy, he visited the most renowned spiritual men and, from them, gathered tangible knowledge as a bee gathers honey from flowers. Pimen once begged the elder Paul to take him to St. Paisius. Seeing Pimen, Paisius said to Paul: "This child will save many; the hand of God is with him." In time, Pimen was tonsured a monk and attracted two of his brothers to the monastic life as well. In their monastery, governed by Abba Anubis (Pimen's eldest brother), the monastics spent four hours of working with their hands, four hours of sleep and four hours of reading the Psalter. During the day, from morning until noon, they spent in alternating work and prayer; from noon until Vespers they spent reading and, in the afternoon, they prepared supper for themselves, the only meal of the day, and that usually consisted of some vegetables. Pimen said, "We ate that which was given to us. No one ever said: 'Give me something else or I do not want that.' In this manner, we spent our entire life in silence and peace." Pimen died peacefully at an old age. On this day, we also commemorate Hosius the Confessor, Bishop of Cordova; and Newly-revealed Martyr Phanourios of Rhodes.

By the intercessions of Thy saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.

**We will have a potluck lunch after liturgy on Sunday, September 10.** Please bring a main course, side dish, or dessert. Drinks will be provided. Our next special luncheon will be on November 5, when we celebrate the life of our patron saint, St. Raphael of Brooklyn.

**Know your faith.** In today's Epistle, St. Paul is telling the church in Corinth that it is the seal of his apostleship. When he asks the question, "Who serves as a soldier at his own expense," what point is he making? The Church needs to provide for its clergy. In the Gospel, why was the wicked servant thrown into jail? He, forgiven a large debt, refused to forgive the small debt. The liturgical year begins on 9/1. What is the first major feast celebrated in the new liturgical year? Nativity of the Theotokos (9/6). The next feast that follows is Exaltation of the Holy Cross (9/14). There are a total of 12 major feasts during the year. (Y/N) Pascha is not included.



## St. Raphael of Brooklyn Orthodox Church

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Metropolitan Saba, Primate  
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Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM

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